As the world navigates through a new reality, our pet population remains vulnerable and in-need.

Despite temporary closings and reduced shelter capacity, at least 262,240 new animals have arrived in the 1,191 shelters monitored by the 24Pet® ShelterWatch Report since the start of the pandemic. This number is expected to surge in the coming months with an anticipated increase in relinquished and abandoned animals.

March 13 - December 31, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019

**US NATIONAL STATS**

- **1,382,631** dogs & cats entering shelters
  - **-34%** dogs
  - **-24%** cats
- **40,003** dogs & cats in foster care
  - **+17%** dogs
  - **+23%** cats
- **797,558** dogs & cats adopted
  - **-31%** dogs
  - **-17%** cats
- **24% decline in adoptions
- **19% increase in foster population**

**STATS BY STATE**

**CALIFORNIA**

- **-35%** dogs & cats entering shelters
  - Foster care: **+23%** dogs, **+47%** cats
  - Adoption: **-37%** dogs, **-30%** cats

**TEXAS**

- **-36%** dogs & cats entering shelters
  - Foster care: **-27%** dogs, **-7%** cats
  - Adoption: **-35%** dogs, **-20%** cats

**FLORIDA**

- **-30%** dogs & cats entering shelters
  - Foster care: **+32%** dogs, **+15%** cats
  - Adoption: **-38%** dogs, **-17%** cats